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SUBJECT: Official Cover Story  
Lincoln Station Personnel

1. The following cover story applies to all LINCOLN Station personnel and may be used on the [ ] and in the Miami area. You should read this cover story carefully and, if additional clarification or implementation of the cover story is needed, you will contact the Security Officer for advice and guidance.

2. You are an employee of the [ ] This unit was established under the [ ] which is an Agency within the Department of Defense. The unit to which you are assigned is actually a field "task" force sent out to make the initial exploratory survey to establish a field administrative office. In other words, your unit was sent to the Miami area to set up a field office to handle the administration and paper work necessary for supporting the technicians, engineers, chemists, biologists and geologists who will be arriving at a later date if the budget is approved. At this time, only sufficient funds have been advanced for the unit to set up an administrative office and make necessary arrangements to establish contact and channels of communications with various universities, manufacturing research laboratories, and various industrial and chemical concerns.

3. Your specific duties are the same as in any government job. If you are a clerical employee, you are a typist, secretary, administrative assistant, etc. If you are a staff employee, you are an "Administrative Officer", "Finance Officer", "Research Analyst", "Logistics Officer", "Plans and Support Officer", etc. A title in the government usually doesn't (a), indicate the actual duties of a person, or (b), make sense to other government employees or persons outside the government.

4. How did this take place and just what is this unit all about? The Department of Defense is the largest department in the government and has under its jurisdiction the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and a large number of agencies. Officials high in the Department of Defense recognized the need for an organization to do certain research and survey work that was of interest not only to the Army, Navy and Air Force, but also of interest to other government agencies within the defense establishment. Most of this research is in the field of technical subjects relating to such things as mineral deposits and the testing of these deposits for possible use in industry or as possible sources of energy. Marine deposits (sand, coral, etc.) found in tropical and semi-tropical climates are also being collected and analyzed for various

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reasons. Various types of plant life and marine life will also be collected for study and one result of this research could help in the military survival tests. For example, great progress has been made in the field of military survival research by determining that many types of shell life and tropical plants are edible and can sustain the life of soldiers or sailors who are stranded in these places or cut off from normal food supplies.

5. Of course a great deal of this research in the fields of biology, botany, geology and chemistry is naturally classified. This is not at all unusual. The fact that such research would develop information which we would not wish the rest of the world to know is accepted by all persons.

6. You must remember that you are not one of the technical people nor are you an expert in any of these fields. You do have a general knowledge of the purpose of the unit and generally know of some of the items of interest to the technical people, but most of it is "Greek" to you. If you are a Staff Member, your job is to assist the technical people in getting their reports on paper and properly distributed as well as aiding them in maintaining a flow of technical reports, editing, and the vast amount of paper work necessary for such a venture. The clerical personnel assist in typing these reports, making copies, duplicating material for distribution, etc.

7. In the simplest of terms, you are working with a Defense Department Unit to which has been assigned members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and other Agencies, in order to conduct a survey to obtain basic information and samples to be used for research work in the fields of geology, chemistry, biology, and other technical fields ranging from geomagnetism to the energy radiation of various rare elements. It would be well for you to remember the terms used in this Regulation and if you are not sure of your cover story, you will contact the Security Officer and he will assist you in putting the story into language best suited to your individual case. The field is a technical one and you are not supposed to have any technical knowledge, and as a rule people that you meet will not be particularly interested once they learn of the technical nature of the work.

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